

Election of Invention and Identification of Claims:

Applicant elects:

Invention I, Claims 1 – 5 and 9, drawn to a device for creating microgradients.

This election is made with traverse for the following reason:

Examiner has not provided evidence that a serious search and examination burden would exist if restriction were not required.

Examiner has merely presented a set of form paragraphs ((a) through (e) listed on page 3 of the Office Action) covering a wide range of possible reasons that a search and examination burden might exist in a hypothetical patent application.